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PASSED BAD CHECK

Former Woman Resident Under Bond. Other Crookedness Reported—Society Leader.

Mrs. J. D. Cunningham, formerly of this city and at one time one of the chief society heads of the town, was arrested last week in Kansas City by Deputy Sheriff Trent and brought to Salisbury last Saturday night and arraigned before Justice Trammell on a charge of uttering a worthless check for \$25 drawn in favor of Jim Dempsey of Triplett. Bond in the sum of \$3000 was signed by two Kansas City residents one a lawyer, and the prisoner liberated until circuit court at Salisbury in February.

It is reported that Mrs. Cunningham went to Triplett several days before her arrest, the undoubted purpose being to victimize cashier Wade McAllister, for she presented a check which she said she had as a payment on land somewhere out west, the check being for \$3200 and for which she wanted a draft for \$1200 and deposit slip for \$2000. Wade was rendered suspicious by the woman's representations concerning the possession of the big check and declined to serve the prospective customer. She offered to have James E. Dempsey identify her and endorse the check, and McAllister at first agreed to accept the business with Jim back of it but further questioning determined him to let it and the woman alone altogether.

She then went to Mr. Dempsey and gave him a check for \$25 for expense money and left town. In a few days the check came back protested and Jim got busy, obtaining a warrant for her arrest and appearance before Justice Trammell of Salisbury. Deputy Sheriff Trent of Brunswick was given the warrant to serve and went to K. City last Friday and made the arrest. After the arrest it is learned that some one called Jim and offered to make the amount good, but Jim thought best to guard the public against further fraudulent transactions on the part of the woman, even to save himself the amount of the loss, but in no wise disposed to use the law to collect what he had been bunced out of under any circumstances.

Some stories have been in circulation for some time concerning transactions of Mrs. Cunningham which run into three or four figures and which came near losing big amounts by her operations by prominent men in this and other counties, one a former Keytesville woman is said to have been bilked of \$2000 but her husband managed to get it back, another victim furnishing the money.

Just what can have started the woman who was so well received here among the top-notchers for several years and who was a leader in social affairs, on a career of crookedness, is puzzling her many former friends and admirers, but that she is and has been for some months, a suspect by many, will astonish those who "never dreamed" that she would become dishonest, her association with leaders of fad movements establishing her character.

Presbyterian Church

The regular services will be held Sunday. The morning service at 11 o'clock. The evangelistic sermon at 7:30 the subject "What Next?"

Rev. R. T. Mathews, Pastor.

Farm Bureau Notes

By Sam Jordan
Farmers Week.

January 20 24th are the dates. I note several "big guns" on the programs. While the attendance may not reach former years that makes it the better for those who do attend.

We would enjoy seeing a good turn out from old Chariton.

At this greatest farmers event good farmers from all parts of the state are there and it is an inspiration to meet them.

The events for the ladies are just as interesting and important as are those for the men folks. So take your daughter, sweet heart or your wife with you.

The office of the Bureau will be closed during that time.

Bureau Meeting.

On January 13th promptly at 2:00 P. M. we desire to start the meeting.

There are several important matters to consider. Farm Club members, and live stock association members as well as bureau members are wanted.

We desire to present some plans for county wide work at this meeting, and we want to "harness" up a lot of the good hustlers of Chariton County to help. We hope weather conditions will be such as will allow a good attendance.

How Does Your Account Stand?

Have you made or lost money in your farming operations the year just closed?

How many of us can answer this question rightly?

Can we answer it from the records kept, or are we just guessing at it? If we are only guessing why not "Keep books" this year?

There is no real business man who does not keep tab on his business.

To keep accounts will help us as business men to know "where we are," and to know such often keeps us out of trouble.

No, of course, you're not going to die in 1919, or that is a lot of folks will not die this year, or we hope they will not, but if such should be your fortune or misfortune just as you look at it, are your affairs in such shape, that those who may be left to wind them up, can do so as to not make the winding up cost more than it is worth?

Blank farm records are so cheap that many banks are giving them away.

Bankers know so well the necessity for being able to know "how we stand" every day, and the bankers welfare is so wrapped up with that of the farmer that he is glad to lend any aid that may be toward this much desired result. He is willing to help you in keeping books in the event you get "balled up," or the Bureau of Agriculture will be glad to help you.

The Bureau can also supply blank books at just about the cost of printing them. The banks though actually give them away, and the Bureau would like to, but we are not quite able to do so.

Try keeping books in 1919 and you will surely like it.

Shovel off the snow.

E. E. Rettig left Wednesday for California where he will be employed as proof reader in the State printing office during the winter and spring at least. Mr. Rettig likes the California climate and the western form of hustle, and after his months of confinement at the bedside of his wife, he stands in need of change of climate and employment. We wish him a pleasant trip and health and prosperity.

Please Look at the Label on Your Paper While It's There.

ROBBED AND SLUGGED

Farmer Wayland, Beaten, Robbed Local Bandits Jailed Quick Work

Tuesday evening as B. V. Taylor, a farmer who lives west of Triplett was returning to his home from Triplett shortly after dark, four men, three of them rather young and one older met him on a road some distance from his home, pounced on him and beat him up, breaking his shoulder and collar bone and hammering his ribs out of place and rendering him helpless, then going thru him secured \$55 and left him to his fate. He was discovered and taken to his home where he lies in a critical condition.

A warrant for the arrest of Claud Calvert, Alex Shuey, Harry Hines and Leo Woods was sworn out before Justice Trammell of Salisbury and placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Trent of Brunswick Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon he and Marshall Simpson of Brunswick arrested Hines and Shuey at Brunswick and Woods and Calvert at Triplett and brought them before Justice Trammell that evening where they were bound over to await the result of the wounds inflicted on Taylor and brought to jail Wednesday night by Sheriff Hurt.

Woods appears to be about 45 years of age and the others to range from 17 to 25. They all live in Triplett and neighborhood.

Domestic Science Library.

The office of the Home Demonstration Agent has received a library from the Missouri Library Commission Association. The library includes books on Cookery, Clothing, Shelter, Sanitation, Home Nursing, House Planning and Home Decoration. These books are for the use of the public and may be had upon application at the office of the Home Demonstration Agent in the Court House. The usual library plan will be followed.

B. D. Kribben

Bertram D. Kribben of St. Louis died Saturday of a complication of maladies, after an illness of several months.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. May Kellogg Kribben, daughter Miss Bertha and sons Earl B. Kribben and Bertram surviving and a reputation for ability and probity among friends all over the country second to none.

He was indeed a noble, learned broad minded and lovable man and in every particular worthy of the confidence reposed in him by all who knew him.

Bone Dry Upheld.

The Supreme Court of the United States virtually upheld in advance the bone dry amendment for Nation wide prohibition, pending before a number of State legislatures, the Missouri legislature among the number. Only 16 more states to ratify the Webb-Kenyon law which would make prohibition nation wide and do away with all drinks containing alcohol in any quantity, theoretically but not actually, the prohibition being limited to alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes only.

Reception At High School.

A reception will be given Friday afternoon for the parents of the pupils enrolled in the Vocational Home Economics Class of Keytesville High School. There are sixteen girls in the class and they hope to show their mothers, thru an exhibit of the work already accomplished and by some oral suggestions during the afternoon the practicability and need of such a course in a modern High School.

During the afternoon the guests will be shown the complete equipment of both the cooking and the sewing department. To further acquaint them with this new course the girls will have four exhibits in each phase of their work ready for inspection.

For example in sewing, a perfect button hole; in cooking the chemistry of leavening agents; in general science; kinds of bacteria, where found and how killed; and in art an artistic dress design demonstrated by a living model.

Besides the exhibition the girls will do a little entertaining such as; playing a few Victrola records a parody on an old popular song "Some little bug will find you some day," and a mock class in cooking with one of the girls acting as teacher, and holding a discussion on the meaning of long chemical formulas.

Refreshments will be served after the entertainment and will consist of apricot whip and velvet cake.

The reception will be held between the hours three to four, and the girls hope the guests will be prompt, as they have other responsibilities for the evening.

New County Court.

County Court met with all officers present, to-wit:— W. D. Herring, Presiding Judge, J. M. Hershey and Geo. D. Hainds Associate Judges, R. E. Hurt, Sheriff, W. W. White, Clerk.

W. W. White, presents appointment of C. H. Hayes, as Deputy Clerk which is approved.

W. W. White presents bond as County Clerk which is approved.

Same as to J. E. Montgomery, Judge Probate.

Same as to R. L. Hunt, Recorder Deeds.

Jno. Rogers appointed as Superintendent of Court Infirmary for one year.

R. L. Hunt, Recorder, presents statement of fees received for the year 1918.

Triplett Light and Power Co. granted use of Public Highway for the purpose of erecting poles along said highways.

Court appointed the following named persons as Delegates to the 16th Annual Farmers Week to be held at Columbia, Mo., from Jan. 20th to 24th, 1919, said delegates to attend said meeting at their own expense, J. G. Richmond, J. S. Littrell, B. C. Smutz, Arthur Gross, W. O. Patterson, C. W. Riley, Fred B. Miller, J. M. Hershey, G. M. Dewey, Howard Lucas, G. Wm. Goll, Chas. Hainds, T. E. Leach, C. W. Garhart, Homer Carpenter, A. Wood, C. T. Naylor, S. A. Richeson.

Loans Made.

J. E. Mitchell, in sum of \$3300.00 with John Mitchell and E. V. Enyeart as sureties.

Walter Carl Owens, in sum of \$1500.00 with L. B. and R. J. Owens, as sureties.

COL. ROOSEVELT DEAD

One of Nation's Great Men Died Peacefully Asleep Simple Ceremonies

At 4:15 a. m. in his bed quietly sleeping Monday morning, Col. Theodore Roosevelt breathed his last breath of life and passed into the beyond the hero of thousands scattered over the entire globe as well as in his native country.

Col. Roosevelt had undergone an operation a short time before his death which left him completely deaf, and he had been confined to a hospital for some weeks with sciatic rheumatism. He had returned to his home from Roosevelt Hospital Christmas day, when the malady settled in his right hand and gave him great pain but his physician, who, with the family, was with him Sunday night, was much pleased at the improvement in his patient's condition. Mrs. Roosevelt and family spent the evening with the Colonel, who chatted and dictated letters, and retiring at about 11 o'clock, his wife sat with him until he was asleep when she went to her room. Colonel Roosevelt's man slept in a room adjoining his and about 4:15 a. m. that he discovered that the Colonel's breathing was too light and went to him. He was dead, embolus or blood clot having done its work quietly and quickly.

Theodore Roosevelt was born in New York Oct. 27, 1858, elected governor of the state in 1898 and in 1901 was elected vice president of the United States and Sept. 14, 1901 became president by the death at the hands of an assassin of President Wm. McKinley. Nov. 8, 1904, Theodore Roosevelt was elected president by the largest popular vote ever cast for a candidate for that office. In 1912 he became the candidate of the progressive party which he formed because the Republican party refused to make him its candidate, choosing Wm. Howard Taft for its leader, and both were defeated by Woodrow Wilson, Taft running third.

The election of Mr. Wilson was the bitterest political blow that Col. Roosevelt ever had, and no time since the great man was given the preference by the voters has been too sacred to prevent the disappointed leader from stepping in with objections to his procedure. Sorely disappointed at not being permitted to raise a regiment and fight Germans over there even before a state of war was declared against them by this country his opposition to every move made by the administration was augmented, yet he was proud of the part his four sons were playing in the great war game and rather exulted than complained when one of them paid the supreme sacrifice for his country and another was badly wounded, and was among the first to object to the removal to this country of his dead son, buried on the battle field where he fell.

After his term as president The Col. went for a big game hunt in Africa, visited crowned heads of the principal countries of the world and was received with acclaim wherever he appeared; later entered the public arena again in his own country and drew to the standard of the new party he formed to demolish the old party which declined to accord him further honors, men of greatest national distinction; abandoned that party to its inevitable fate with the head gone in order to be permitted to inject his influence on the nation

and world thru the president he caused to be nominated, in case of his election; withdrew from the public eye for a time then opened his literary batteries on the Democratic president and continued to shell the government from every hill and hummock, to the very hour of his death. A most remarkable man. A man whose intrepidity was not to be halted nor his pugnacity lessened by either logic or loud mutterings against him from every quarter of the globe. Insufferable to caricature, ridicule and denunciation but resourceful against all enmity he appeared like a gigantic hero when it was that he was annihilated. Like Bryan, the a ready loser and repudiated by his party because of lapse, yet never was so much as suspected of dishonesty in any matter, much less accused of perjury as a citizen, officer or writer. Yes, Col. Theodore Roosevelt was a great man among the great men of our country, one of two who retained a strong hold on a large number of their fellow citizens despite their antagonisms to democratic conditions and espousals of fads. Each has been consistently honored by the principal object of their opposition. The Col. fighting harder and the other seeking to placate, each, it has been thot, with a view to increasing prospects of reaching the high point of their ambition.

Col. Roosevelt made a memorable trip to South America and his account of his discoveries, adventures and hardships will find a place in history, and his political writings may be accepted as principles to part for claim on leadership by a future aspirant for the presidency tho today they are regarded as being next to seditious, but perhaps no other man for decades can do and say as The Colonel did and said and escape demand for explanation or expiation. Indeed, his life will form one of the most striking chapters in American history.

No one was admitted to the grounds at Oyster Bay after his death except a chosen few. No display by organizations at his obsequies permitted, a simple service consisting of the reading of the Episcopal ritual by Rev. Geo. E. Talmadge at Christ Episcopal Church at Oyster Bay.

Congress adjourned Monday and Senator Martin, Democratic leader, said: "I do not believe there is a man in the United States who could today question the ability of President Roosevelt, his patriotism, his courage and his devotion to duty as he saw it."

Senator Lodge, closest personal friend of Col. Roosevelt, said: "Mr. Roosevelt served his country in war, as President and Vice President. He was a great patriot, a great American, a great man. He devoted his life to his country; he tried always to serve it." He was buried Wednesday, simplicity marking the occasion.

PRESIDENT IN PARIS

Peace Envoys Met Yesterday President To Sit Harmonious.

When President Wilson left Italy the demonstrations of France and England were outdone in honor of his visit. Italy accepted the suggestion that no grabbing would be permitted, so far as outward indications go.

The Peace envoys met yesterday in a preliminary parley, our president and other delegates with them.

American flags were placed at half mast at every embassy in Europe on the announcement of the death of Col. Theo. Roosevelt.